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WHAT'S NEW IN THE ATARI FORUMS (July 9)

#### UPCOMING CONFERENCE

SYSOP\*Brad Hill will be hosting a conference in the Atari Productivity Forum (GO ATARIPRO) on Thursday, July 15, beginning at 9:00 PM Eastern Time. The topic: Grbinif's new GENEVA multi-tasking software, scheduled to be released in September. We hope to see you at the conference!

#### ATARI IN THE NEWS

This is a big week for Atari-related announcements. First, the alliance between ATari and IBM for the new Jaguar, and now Gribnif Software announces GENEVA, their new multi-tasking environment. See the GENEVA press releases in LIB 15 of the Atari Arts Forum (GO ATARIARTS) or go to the Gribnif section/library in the Atari Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN) for additional info.

#### NEW JAGUAR AREA IN ATARI 8-BIT FORUM

With the announcement from Sunnyvale on the new JAGUAR Multimedia Entertainment System, we've added a Message Section and Library to the ATARI8 Forum. We invite you to join us in sharing news and views of what promises to be an exciting machine. GO ATARI8 for Section 15 [Jaguar].

#### TWENTY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FALCON ... ANSWERED BY ATARI CORP.

Download file 20Q\_01.TXT from LIBRARY 15 of the Atari Arts Forum (GO ATARIARTS) for the first 20 QUESTIONS file of questions submitted by the members to Atari Corp and answered by Bob Brodie, James Grunke and Bill

Rehbock.

#### AGITATION PUZZLE GAME

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Download file BSTAT4.LZH from LIBRARY 5 of the Atari Productivity Forum (GO ATARIPRO) for version 2.46 of B/STAT. B/STAT is a shareware statistical analysis and business graphics program. It requires a 1 megabyte machine and double sided drive at a minimum. B/STAT makes use of GDOS or SPEEDO GDOS if installed but requires neither. This is version 2.46 of B/STAT and offers some improvements in graphing over earlier versions. B/STAT may be registered online by Going SWREG and selecting ID # 263.

#### OREGON RESEARCH JOINS ATARIVEN!

Message Section 12 and Library 12 have been established for online support of Oregon Research's products. Please read OREGON.TXT in Library 12 of the Atari Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN) for an overview of the company. Also, be sure to check out the other files in the Library for in-depth information on their entire product line.

#### NEW SOFTLOGIK DEMO IN ATARIVEN

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> From the Editor's Desk "Saying it like it is!"  
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This is the week that was.... or, will be remembered as the week the

proverbial fan got hit square on the nose. You be the judge, read the open letter from Lee Seiler of Lexicor and the exclusive interview with Seiler about the IAAD expelling Seiler's Lexicor Software and a number of Lexicor associates. I ask only one question at the very top of my voice and ask that you do it too. "Is this the sort of thing Atari needs in the public spotlight at this time?" It is time the users demanded a full and thorough open door to the happenings of the last six weeks between Lexicor, The IAAD, the STRT, Nathan & Darlah and GENie. The time has come to 'clear the air' and bring an end to the innuendo, claims and counter claims. Not to mention the disturbing manner in which the punitive actions taken were arrived at and carried out. There are far too many questions going unanswered. Please read the interview with Seiler along with his open letter. You be the judge as to whether or not its time for a few real and positive changes. One can only wonder if these actions and deliberations are the indicators of the debilitating effects of a shrinking platform.

Ralph...

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By: John Deegan

ATARI TO GET TIME WARNER LIBRARY - Atari Corp. has announced that a library of video clips owned and licensed by Time Warner Inc., the world's largest media and entertainment company, is being made available to Atari or their third-party licensed publishers set to develop titles for the new multimedia Atari Jaguar.

The long-anticipated Atari Jaguar, to be introduced in the New York market later this fall, is a 64-bit interactive multimedia entertainment system with high-performance, true color and CD-quality sound.

"Having access to this Time Warner library will be truly beneficial," said Sam Tramiel, president of Atari. "With 64-bit technology, the Jaguar will allow for new heights in software experiences, and the

association with Time Warner will add to the reality of the software."

The Atari Jaguar's high-level technology includes a 32-bit expansion port allowing for future connection into cable and telephone networks, as well as digital signal processing for modem use and connection to digital audio peripherals. The video output is far superior to video games available today and will allow for more realistic simulations of moving vehicles such as spaceships, cars, planes and figures.

"Our emphasis now is not only the product's affordability and the fact that the Jaguar is made in America, but also that our software titles will be a fun experience on a truly next level," Tramiel said.

The Atari Jaguar will retail for approximately \$200. A national roll-out is expected sometime next year.

APPLE CUTTING 15% OF FORCE - Apple Computer Inc. plans to lay off about 2,500 people -- or more than 15% of its worldwide work force -- over the next 12 months. The company said most layoffs will occur this month.

The company, which currently employs about 16,000 people, will account for the restructuring costs in its third quarter, which ended on June 25.

In a statement announcing the actions, Apple said only that it planned to implement "a broad re-engineering of the company to accelerate revenue, unit and earnings growth. The re-engineering will include a work force reduction of approximately 2,500 worldwide of Apple's 16,000 full-time, temporary and contract employees, with the majority of layoffs occurring in July 1993."

APPLE DENYING REPORT IT WILL LICENSE SYSTEM 7 - Apple Computer is denying a report that said Apple will begin licensing its Macintosh System 7 operating system to other hardware vendors.

Apple spokesperson Cindy McCaffrey said that an Apple official had spoken with InfoWorld, but made no such statement regarding the



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compiled by Joe Mirando  
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Hey there friends and neighbors! Well, now I know that summer is truly upon us... for the second day in a row intense heat and humidity during the day has been followed by "monster" thunder storms by night. As I sit here and type this, the power is out all over town and only my Stacy with its Dragonware battery and my PPI pocketmodem with its NiCad battery pack allow me to meet my deadline.

I know, I know, I shouldn't put things like this off 'till the last minute. Well, anyway, thanks to Dragonware and to Practical Peripherals for making this week's column possible. Now let's get on with the column...

From the Atari Productivity Forum  
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Nigel Tilbury, a self-professed new CIS (CompuServe Information Service) asks John Devlin how he was able to read a message that he sent to someone else:

"I am not only fairly new to 'messaging' but also slightly confused as to how a message that I believed to be aimed at only the Sysop in the US was intercepted by your goodself?

Perhaps I need to understand more about CIS before I dare use it again

Can you enlighten me please?"

Sysop Don LeBow tells Nigel:

"When you post a message on the board it's immediately available for all to see. Being a chatty bunch here, you're quite often likely to see someone other than the addressee pop in with an answer, another question, or a dubious pun <grin> It makes for an interesting and open environment, with message threads (jargon alert: a thread is the ongoing conversation, composed of messages and replies) often moving off in strange and wonderful directions.

Should you want to send someone a private message, it's quite easy to do so by using CompuServe Mail. You can also address a message

To: \*Sysop

The asterisk marks it as private to the head sysop of the forum.

Welcome aboard!"

John Devlin tells Nigel:



"I have that effect of confusing people, just ask anyone on this forum (grin)

When you post a message, unless it is marked private, all readers of that forum, section can read it. That's what I did.. The reader then can replay to that or any other message they read.

NP>>Perhaps I need to understand more about CIS before I dare use it again  
Better understanding of CIS, No Way, I have found that more people are willing to chat if they think they can help....

I trust the above has helped a little. What terminal program are you using, to access CIS, on your Atari. As there is a program that can help you reduce your phone & logon charges !!! I bet that has caught your eye.."

Meanwhile, Richard Detlefsen asks about his favorite word processor:

"I am having a problem with Word Perfect(5.1 I think). Normally it runs fine, but when I try to retrieve a file of about 250K, it trashes hard drive partition C. Every time. I tried software locking the drive, then I got virtual drive errors, until I reconfigured WP. I finally narrowed the size to between 40K and 75K. Less than 40K is O.K., above 70K, C drive errors. Any solutions?"

Albert Dayes of Atari Explorer Magazine tells Rick:

"It sounds like your disk needs to be checked by either Hard Disk Sentry by Beckemeyer or Diamond Edge by Oregon Research Associates. Have you checked your connections between your computer and your hard drive and made sure they are secure?

Have you booted clean (without any auto folder programs or TSRs other than poolfix and Folder xxx) and see if the problem still occurs?"

Dick Paddock adds:

"It sounds to me like you may be running low on available file space on drive (partition) C:. If you have space on another partition, define it as the place for WP to keep its temporary backup, etc., and see whether that helps."

Thomas Hutchins asks about networking his Falcon with other computers:

"I own a Falcon and would like to network with my MAC and possibly with the IBM.. What would I need to do this???"

Sysop boss ROn Luks tells Thomas:

"You would probably connect thru the localtalk ports but you would need software for both the MAC and the Atari. To the best of my knowledge, no such software exists for the Atari side of the network."

Rick Flashman of Gribnif Software (the NeoDesk people) tells Thomas:

"There is some "client" software available from Germany that would let you setup your Falcon as a client on a NETBIOS network (Novell, etc.). You then need to add a SCSI ethernet adaptor. Then you could ethernet adaptors to the Mac and PC and set either the PC or the Mac to act as a PEER-TO-PEER server (either some sort of Apple File Server software on the Mac, or some PC file server software like Invisible LAN, Lantastic, or Novell). Then the ST could access them for files.

I don't know the name of the German companies, other than PAM Software. Maybe one of our German friends here can upload a name, company, and address. They would tell you what exactly you need, how much, etc."

Werner Zemanek supplies the postal info:

"PAM Software GmbH  
Carl-Zuckmayer Str. 27  
6500 Mainz 33 (the ZIP code is the old one but should work, still)  
Tel: +49-6131-476312 Fax: +49-6131-476402"

Dick Paddock adds:

"For the IBM you would need both software and a LocalTalk card. I presume that if you get the card, the software would be included.

LocalTalk software comes as part of the Macintosh System/Finder package (for the Mac only.)

I have not heard of software for the Falcon, either."

Mike Durand asks about where he can get his computer fixed:

"Have an old ATARI MEGA 2 that I would love to use again, but have a bad chip or two inside, and my local dealer went belly up years ago. Does anyone know the name, address and tel. no. of a reasonable and reliable group that will repair Atari machines?"

Mike Mortilla tells Mike Durand:

"Where are you located? There is an ACC listing Atari vendors, but if your MEGA is down that doesn't do you any good.

So tell us where you and we'll tell you where to go <grin>."

Mike Durand tells Mr. Mortilla:

"I am in Lafayette, LA. Hope there is someone close."

Of course, the way things are in the Atari world right now, no one should be too surprised at what Mike Mortilla tells Mike Durand:

"Nothing in LA. How's TX or FL? There are a few there."

From the Atari ST Arts Forum  
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Jeffery Usher posts:

"Help!!!! Every time I try to download a file I get a missing or bad header message on XYZ.ttp. What am I doing wrong???"

A very cheesed off new user."

Dazzz Smith asks Jeffery:

"What software are you using to access CIS?"

Jeffery tells Dazzz:

"I'm using kmterm 1.9. Set the parameters to 8N1 tonite and seem to be getting somewhere. Still not succesfull yet"

Dazzz tells Jeffery:

"Right, well the problem is as you will now have noticed that you need to be accessing the system with 8N1 for your download protocols to work.

Using Fizzdizz I use an emulation which strips the 7th Bit so that everything works ok, what you really need to do is download the excellent QuickCIS which is the offline program for the St on compuserve. If you cant get downloading to work with your setup, I can send you a disk with QuickCIS on it so you can get up and running and cut your compuserve costs dramatically!"

Steve Coller talks a bit about Atari's Dealer Agreement:

"I think if you look into the Restraint of Trade statutes in most states as well as the Federal restriction you will find that this policy of trying to dictate who a dealer and sell to and who they cannot is probably in

violation on several points.

Not only is it down right stupid -- it may be illegal as well. Whether it is in a dealer contract or not, a contract cannot violate law and remain binding."

Sysop Brad Hill tells Steve:

"I understand the rationale behind Atari's dealer agreement. Only time will reveal its wisdom or lack thereof. I'm blissfully unaware of the relevent legalities.:

Robby Cooke asks:

"[Does] Anyone know where I could get some DTV stuff for the Falcon030 or when it such things will come into being?"

Albert Dayes tells Robbie:

"The best company to discuss that is with Lexicor. They are in the (GO ATARIVEN) forum in the Lexicor section."

From the Atari Vendors Forum  
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Jerome Bartholomew posts:

"I HAVE AND ATARI 1040 ST AND WOULD LIKE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST MODEM TO GET FOR IT. I WOULD BE MAINLY INTERESTED IN A 2400 BPS OR 9600 BPS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW THE NAMES OF ANY VENDORS IN THE ROCHESTER N.Y. AREA THAT CARRY ATARI HARDWARE OR THE NAME OF A RELIABLE AND REPUTABLE MAIL ORDER COMPANY WHERE I CAN PURCHASE THE ABOVE."

Albert Dayes of Atari Explorer Magazine tells Jerome:

"I like the SupraFAX modem (14.4 data and 14.4K fax). It works very well and Computability had them for \$209 or so. That is where I purchased mine.

For fax software the best is STraight FAX. Terminal software most seems to work with it. FLASH 1.6, FLASH 2, STALKER ... I'm using FLASH II currently myself.

Also check out the modem vendors forum on CIS for about 9 other vendors.  
(GO  
SUPRA) will take you there."

The guy who should know about modems, Sysop Ron Luks tells Jerome:

"I've used Supra modems (2400, 9600, 14.400) for years with great success and not a lick of a problem."

Last week Gribnif Software announced their Multitasking system, Geneva. This week, there are lots and lots of questions about it! Jody Golick posts:

"Geneva sounds real interesting. Has it been tested with MIDI programs? I use Notator more or less constantly. Are they compatible? Or are the real-time constraints of musical applications too critical to even consider multi-tasking?"

Rick Flashman tells Jody:

"We haven't tested it with MIDI programs, which is one of the reasons why we are releasing a wider Beta release (see GEBETA.TXT in our library). You could help us there, if you wanted.

My personal theory, however, not because MIDI program's time constraints (that should be ok), but because most MIDI programs seem to have very "liberal" interpretations of the Atari Developer Guidelines, that most will only work correctly in singletasking mode. In other words, other GEM applications would be temporarily suspended (or put to "sleep" as we call it) until you either suspend that MIDI program or quit it.

However, once we release our wider beta release on July 15th (which you are welcome to participate in, if you want) we will know much better and see which MIDI programs work multitasking and which require singletasking.

Remember, even while singletasking in Geneva, you keep all the other GEM applications loaded, you have unlimited desk accessories, 3D buttons, tear-off menus, window/menu/dialog keyboard equivalents, etc."

Bill Turczynski posts:

"I'm interested in Geneva but my STacy 4/20 is devoted to MIDI usage. I use Steinberg's CuBase v3.01 and Dr. T's X-oR v1.12. Steinberg's multitasking program, Switcher only works with X-oR in the single application mode just as you mentioned earlier. Steinberg/Jones claim that some have the two working but I've had no luck myself.

I'd be interested to see how Geneva works with MIDI programs too! Too bad I don't have NeoDesk or I'd do the beta thing for ya!!

I hope you get some MIDI users to try it out<g>."

Trevor Ward posts:

"The Geneva environment looks very impressive and I would like to be the first person in the U.K. to receive Geneva! Please mail me A.S.A.P. with information regarding total cost (inc shipping costs) and I will Fax my order to you."

Rick tells Trevor:

"We are currently finalizing our UK distribution plans. I'll post more exact information in the next week or two. However, you should be able to get Geneva in the UK at the same time as our customers in the US."

Ian Braby tells Rick:

"Having read the Geneva info I must say that I am very impressed and interested, but my Scottish blood has to ask whether there is likely to be a Geneva/NeoDesk 4 package for those of us who are registered NeoDesk users, i.e. a less expensive package than the \$99.95 that's quoted?!"

Rick tells Ian:

"Geneva is a separate product (NeoDesk 3/4 doesn't need it). However, there will be a full upgrade path from NeoDesk 3 to NeoDesk 4 for a reasonable amount. Don't ask me how much right now, as we ourselves are not sure. However, we do have a policy of reasonable upgrades. <g>"

You might remember that back in the Atari ST Arts Forum Robby Cooke asked about Falcon programs and that he was told to talk to Lexicor. Well, he does just that now:

"I was wondering if you had anything in the works to run on a Falcon030?"

Ringo at Lexicor tells Robby:

"Yes, we do have applications for the Falcon. Phoenix Object Render is out now and it renders Falcon true color images. Coming soon is Meridian, it is a True Color paint program that works in conjunction with Phoenix. Plus we are updating our keyframe animator Chronos so that it will run on the Falcon. Plus some other utilities like Cyber-Color.

Cyber Color allows users to recolor 3D2 images created with Cyber Sculpt. Also Cyber Sculpt run on the Falcon in SThigh resolution."

From the Atari Portfolio Forum  
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Sysop BJ Gleason tells Sysop Ron Luks:

"There are always the general questions that get asked, like:

Is the Portfolio still supported?  
Will there ever be a Portfolio 2?  
Are new software packages coming out?

But chances are, our good friend Don [Hey Don!] will answer them, and he's been answering them anyway... But if a higher up was to answer them, I would be interested to hear the answers [not that I am not interested in what Don says, but he is under orders from above...]"

Ron tells BJ:

"[I've been] reading your mind in advance, those exact questions were asked and submitted to Atari Corp on Friday morning. We should have their answers in about a week."

Don Thomas of Atari tells BJ:

"Those other dudes are in a position related to things like Jaguar and Falcon as I am with Portfolio. While they're able to instantly provide answers on the aforementioned, they may likely come to me with any Portfolio related questions before posting them publicly.

If you only have 20 questions, make them meaty, but I suggest you focus on the new stuff."

Bill Osburn posts:

"I noticed a while back that BJ or someone managed to link the PORT to an IBM keyboard and monitor and basically let the IBM act as a "dumb terminal". Is there any way to link the PORT and Lynx together so one could get the color screen of the Lynx? What is the screen size on the Lynx? Is it a 40 col. screen? VGA, CGA, or what? Could one link the Lynx through the com port to an IBM machine? What are the Lynx games written in? C, Basic, or some other language? Is there a technical manual for the Lynx? Can one burn their own games for the Lynx?"

Sysop Ron Luks posts this simple answer:

"No how, no way can you link the Lynx and the Portfolio. Sorry."

Dave Stewart tells Bill:

"You may want to pose the same questions over on the Lynx message base in the ATARI8BIT forum (GO LYNX will get you there).

In fact, you should download their .FAQ file (frequently asked questions)

for information on the Lynx and programmability and the like. Basically, you need an Amiga computer with a special adapter board (currently named the "Howard" I think, with other cute associated chip names such as "Suzy" ...)

Basically, it's a high cost to get into that kind of thing ... plus, you have to get a developer's kit from Atari. I do believe that they will send you a manual (which I have heard is purposefully made to scare away the people who are not really into it) if you sign a non-disclosure and pay some small sum.

Most Lynx stuff is written in pure assembler for speed and size ... but there are some utilities to help create graphics.

I had an idea once to put a modem at the end of a Comlynx cable, basically so you could Comlynx at a distance ... I've never Comlynx'ed, though, and I don't know much about it, but it was a nice thought."

Don Thomas of Atari tells Bill:

"It's not practical to hook the Lynx to much of anything else as a viewing area. The choice of using a larger screen also meant a screen which is not well suited with other existing technologies.

The development team does have a way to "burn" Lynx carts for testing purposes. I really shouldn't get much into it here for a variety of reasons, but if you are serious about developing for the Lynx, call 408/745-2000 during the business day and ask for Bill Rehbock."

Well folks, that's about all for this week. And it's a good thing because the battery light just turned yellow, which tells me that I've only got a few minutes to get this column finished (the electricity still hasn't come on).

So tune in again next week... same time, same channel, and listen to what they are saying when...

PEOPLE ARE TALKING

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> BLUE RIDGE ATARIFEST'93 STR SHOW NEWS      "The Summertime Atari Event!"
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The Blue Ridge Atari Computer Enthusiasts (BRACE) and Computer Studio invite you to participate in the Fourth Annual Blue Ridge AtariFest in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. Show dates and times are:

Saturday July 24, 1993 10am - 6pm

Sunday July 25, 1993 Noon - 5pm

Just as in previous years, we have arranged for FREE Booth space for Atari developers!! (We're only requesting the donation of a door prize).

We can promise both developers and show-goers an energetic and exciting show with as enthusiastic a crowd of Atarians as you'll find anywhere, plus the support of Computer Studio in the mall.

We're once again taking over the Courtyard Shop (mall) area at Westgate Shopping Center for the show (location of Computer Studio), plus the use of vacant store spaces for seminar sessions. Seminar sessions will be 45 minutes in length, and developers are welcome to conduct a seminar on their product line or approved topic of their choice (seminar sessions are limited, so first come, first served).

This year's show dates also coincide with Asheville's annual Bele Chere street festival, when downtown Asheville is closed to vehicular traffic and becomes what must be one of the largest street fairs in the country. Westgate Shopping Center is one of the primary Park-and-Ride shuttle centers for transporting people to and from downtown, and we've arranged to have the shuttle service pick up at the front entrance of the mall and drop off at the rear entrance, so everyone taking the service from Westgate WILL walk through the AtariFest exhibition area sometime during the day. This will be a great opportunity to showcase Atari and Atari related software and peripherals, and introduce them to people who aren't already Atari owners. Bringing in NEW blood is the key to the growth of this platform, and this will be our opportunity to begin that process with a captive audience.

Additional discussions of the show, as well as confirmations of your participation, are welcome in GENieMail and in the Blue Ridge AtariFest topic 13 in Category 11 here on GENie.

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When: 24-25, July 1993

Time: 10:am to 6:pm SAT

12 Noon 'til 5pm SUN

Points of contact:

Come for a day or come for the weekend,  
but do come and enjoy yourself.

Great Smokies Hilton Resort   Hilton Inn Drive            (704)254-3211  
Toll-free reservation phone number 1-800-733-3211

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Rate: \$62.00 per room (1-4 people)

===== Additional Hotel / Motel Information =====

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	I-40 Exit 55	(704)298-5140
Econo Lodge	US 70 East, I-40 Exit 55	(704)298-5519
Holiday Inn	275 Smoky Park Hwy	(704)667-4501
	Toll-free reservation phone number	1-800-HOLIDAY
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	West Asheville Exit	(704)665-2100 Best
Western Asheville Central	22 Woodfin St	(704)253-1851

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Albemarle Inn	86 Edgemont Road	(704)255-0027
Applewood Manor	62 Cumberland Circle	(704)254-2244
The Bridle Path Inn	Lockout Road	(704)252-0035
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Carolina B & B	177 Cumberland Ave	(704)254-3608
Cedar Crest Victorian Inn	674 Biltmore Ave	(704)252-1289
Corner Oak Manor	53 St. Dunstan	(704)253-3525
Cornerstone Inn	230 Pearson Dr	(704)253-5644
Flint Street Inn	100 & 116 Flint Street	(704)253-6723
The Lion and The Rose	276 Montford Ave	(704)255-7673
The Ray House B & B	83 Hillside St	(704)252-0106
Reed House	119 Dodge St	(704)274-1604
The Wright Inn	235 Pearson Drive	(704)251-0789]
		(1-800-552-5724)

A more complete listing of Bed & Breakfasts can be obtained through the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Reservations should be made immediately, as July is the height of our tourist season.

===== CAMP GROUNDS =====

(reservations are a must during this time of season):

## Mount Pisgah:

About 20 miles southwest of Asheville on the Blue Ridge Parkway at mile post 408.6 (National Park Service). 690 acres. Elevation 5000'. One of the nicest campgrounds in Western North Carolina. 67 tent sites, 70 RV sites. For reservations: P.O.Box 749, Watnesville, N.C. 28786; phone (704) 235-9109. No showers. Groceries and restaurant. Nature program. 14 day stay limit.

Lake Powhatan:

4 miles south of Asheville on State road 191, 3.5 miles west on SR 806. 30 acres. 98 tent/rv sites. Reservation available thru Mistix 1-800-283-CAMP. Disposal station. No showers. Swimming; lifeguard; fishing; nature trails; bicycles. 14-day stay limit.

While in the area, you might want to consider a little sightseeing, and include a visit to the Biltmore House here in Asheville (the largest single family residence ever built in the U.S.--its a "castle"). A visit to the Biltmore can be a full-day's activity as you will want to view the house, visit the winery, and walk some of the grounds and gardens.

## Hours:

The House 9 am to 6pm                      The Gardens 9am to 7pm  
    Conservatory 9am to 5:30pm  
 The Winery Monday-Saturday    11am to 7pm Sunday 1pm to 7pm

Other areas of interest include; the Thomas Wolf home (adjacent to the Raddison), the Blue Ridge Parkway and Folk Art Center. A drive up the Blue ridge Parkway to enjoy the higher elevations and incredible views of our mountains. Perhaps a hike up to Mount Pisgah and look back down to Asheville (you can see Mt. Pisgah from most anywhere in Asheville). A short drive from Mt. Pisgah will take you to Sliding Rock (for those of you travelling with kids who are still kids at heart), the Cradle of Forestry (first forest school in the country), waterfalls, trout hatchery, etc. For the adventurous, white water rafting on the Nantahala River near Bryson City (approx one and a half hours from here).

There's obviously loads more to see and do around Asheville (in addition to the Blue Ridge AtariFest and a visit to Computer Studio :-). If any of y'all would like maps and additional tourist info of the area I might suggest contacting the Chamber of Commerce:

Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce  
151 Haywood Street  
P.O. Box 1010  
Asheville, NC 28802  
704-258-6111 FAX: (704)251-0926

The Blue Ridge Atari Computer Enthusiasts (BRACE) and Computer Studio invite you to participate in the fourth annual Blue Ridge AtariFest on Saturday, July 24 and Sunday July 25, 1993. The show will take place in the Courtyard Shop area of Westgate Shopping Center in Asheville, North Carolina (Home of Computer Studio). We are still signing up additional exhibitors, but those who have already made a firm committment to attend include (Alphabetical Listing):

Atari Corp/Applied Audio Marketing . Atari's Southeast Regional  
Representatives will be on hand

to let you know what's going on  
in the Atari world, especially  
here in the Southeast U.S.

Accusoft-ST .....	PD/Shareware Software (Desktop Publishing Clip Art Libraries)
Barefoot Software .....	Professional MIDI Software applications (SMPTETrack, EditTrack Platinum, GenEdit, EZ Score Plus, etc.)
Binary Ink .....	David St Martin will discuss his own desktop publishing business and conduct informative seminars on "Marketing Your DTP Skills" and "Newsletter Desktop Publishing".
Codehead Technologies .....	Productivity software & enhancements (G+Plus, MultiDesk Deluxe, HotWire, CodeHead Utilities, Warp 9, Calligrapher, MaxiFile, Lookit & Popit, Avant Vector, MegaPaint, TOS Extension Card, etc.)
Computer STudio .....	Visit a 'real' Atari Dealership in the mall (Atari computer systems, software and accessories)
DMC Publishing .....	Desktop Publishing System Solutions (Calamus/SL, PKS Write, Outline Art, Invision Elite, tms Cranach Studio, etc.)
GENieLamp/GENie .....	Telecommunications and Electronic Publishing
JV Enterprises .....	Developers of low-cost license-ware software and games.
Lexicor Software .....	Professional animation and rendering software (Prism Paint, Phoenix Render, Meridian, etc.)
MagicSoft .....	Entertainment Software (New products unveiling!)
Missionware Software .....	(Flash II, lottODDS, Printer Initializer, etc.)
STReport Online Magazine .....	Electronic Online Magazine

Showtimes are 10am - 6pm on Saturday, and noon-5pm on Sunday. Seminar  
sessions will be scheduled throughout the show.

Since this year's show coincides with Asheville's annual Bele Chere Street

Festival, we are not having a Saturday evening banquet, but are instead encouraging guests to hop the shuttle bus at the front entrance of the mall and spend Saturday evening downtown enjoying the outdoor festivities (live entertainment, food booths of all types, dancing, etc.).

Advance registration is only \$3; or \$4 at the door. Additional information about the show and Asheville's Bele Chere festival will be mailed to all who pre-register in advance. Door prize winners will also be selected from registered guests (you need not be present at the time of the drawing to win). Advance registration checks should be made out to "COMPUTER STUDIO" and mailed to:

Computer Studio  
Westgate Shopping Center  
40 Westgate Parkway - Suite D  
Asheville, NC 28806

For additional information, please contact either:

Sheldon Winick  
GENie: S.WINICK  
Computer Studio  
Westgate Shopping Center  
40 Westgate Parkway - Suite D  
Asheville, NC 28806  
(704) 251-0201

Cliff Allen, Show Coord.  
GENie: C.ALLEN17  
Internet: CALLEN@UNCA.EDU  
phone: (704) 258-3758

BLUE RIDGE ATARIFEST '93 - GUEST REGISTRATION FORM  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a separate registration form for each person, and return to us at the following address along with your check in the amount of \$3.00 per person (\$4.00 at the show) made payable to "COMPUTER STUDIO":

Computer Studio  
Westgate Shopping Center  
40 Westgate Parkway - Suite D  
Asheville, NC 28806

Alternate Credit Card Payment Method:  
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STREPORT ONLINE MAGAZINE 9.27 07/04/93  
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DC XTRACT PLUS 2.2B  
KID KONG  
CHECKBOOK FOR THE ST  
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From 11-Jul through 17-Jul, and again from 25-Jul through 31-Jul, CompuServe members have the opportunity to submit a question to the President of the United States, Bill Clinton.

Members may post their brief question in the White House Forum's Section 17, "Question to Clinton." Messages posted in that section during the weeks mentioned will be downloaded and removed from the message board each day to accommodate all members who wish to participate. CompuServe will select 15 representative questions from each of the two weeks to forward to the White House. The White House then will select 5 of the 15 questions for an online response by President Clinton. For more specific guidelines on writing your question, GO WHITEHOUSE and read the forum's news flash (CompuServe Information Manager users may select "Notices" under the Special menu within the forum). The White House Forum is a part of CompuServe's extended services.

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Washington, DC 20515

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2nd Congressional District, Connecticut  
Rm. 2416 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Newton Gingrich  
6th Congressional District, Georgia  
Rm. 2428 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. George Miller  
7th Congressional District, California  
Rm. 2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Charlie Rose  
7th Congressional District, North Carolina  
Rm. 2230 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. 'Pete' Stark  
13th Congressional District, California  
Rm. 239 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Mel Watt  
12th Congressional District, North Carolina  
Rm. 1232 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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access. In your correspondence, please print your name and INTERNET ADDRESS, followed by your postal (geographical) address. When your Representative receives the letter or postcard, you will receive a reply by electronic mail that will include the Representative's Internet address. After you receive this initial message, you will be able to write your Member of Congress at any time, provided you follow certain guidelines that will be included in that initial message.

We are aware that it is an inconvenience for electronic mail users to be required to send a post card in order to begin communicating with their Representative. However, the primary goal of this pilot program is to allow Members to better serve their CONSTITUENTS, and this initial postal request is the only sure method currently available of verifying that a user is a resident of a particular congressional district.

In addition, constituents who communicate with their Representative by electronic mail should be aware that Members will respond to their messages in the same manner that they respond to most communications from constituents. That is, Members will generally respond to messages by way of the U.S. Postal Service. This method of reply will help to ensure confidentiality, a concern that is of utmost importance to the House of Representatives.

## COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Please feel free to send electronic mail comments about our new service to the Congressional Comment Desk, at [COMMENTS@HR.HOUSE.GOV](mailto:COMMENTS@HR.HOUSE.GOV). We will make every effort to integrate suggestions into forthcoming updates of our system.

Thank you again for contacting the House of Representatives' Constituent Electronic Mail System. We are excited about the possibilities that e-mail has to offer, and will be working hard to bring more Members on-line and to expand our services. We feel that this pilot program is an important first step, and we urge your cooperation and continued interest to make the program a success.

This message will be updated as necessary.

Honorable Charlie Rose (D-NC)  
Chairman  
Committee on House Administration

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From: Mike Fulton, Atari Developer Support

To: Atari Developer Community & Atari Programmers everywhere

Atari Developer CDROM

Atari is currently in the production stages of creating a Developer CDROM disc that will be offered to both new and existing developers.

The initial release is slated for the developer conference that is going to be held on Friday, September 17, 1993 in Glendale, California, the day before "Atari Computer Faire, Version 7.0" starts (AKA "The Glendale Show").

Once the initial version of the disc has been released, we expect to have updates a couple of times a year with new material and any necessary corrections. Once you've purchased the disc, you'll be able to get the upgrade discs at reduced cost. (Exact pricing information for the disc and/or updates is not available at this time, but it should be pretty reasonable.)

Since not all developers will already be using a CDROM drive with their system, we plan to include a floppy disk that will have the necessary CDROM driver software to allow them to access the disc once they have connected a CDROM drive to their computer.

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Here's a preliminary outline of what we hope to include on the disc:
(This is still preliminary subject to change without notice, of course!)
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- \* All of the current versions of all of the programs and files in the Atari developer's kit, plus additional related items not included in the regular kit.
- \* Atari Falcon030-specific developer's tools such as the DSP Assembler, Linker, and Debugger
- \* Current release of SpeedoGDOS outline font scaler
- \* Current release of MultiTOS multitasking operating system
- \* Atari Works -- integrated word processor, spreadsheet, database
- \* Programs that currently ship with Atari computers such as the Falcon030 (but which work with older machines) that not everybody may have, such as:

CalAppt -- Calendar/Appointment Book/Address Book

Procalc -- Calculator Accessory (with number-base conversions)

Talking Clock -- STE/TT/Falcon030 Talking Clock Program/accessory

Accessory Games -- Breakout, Landmine

Audio Fun Machine -- Assign sounds to keystrokes & system events on STE/TT/Falcon030

- \* Online Documentation -- The disc contents will be described in an online hypertext format. Additionally, at least some of the regular developer's documentation will also be available in hypertext format. (With more to come on future updates.)

Imagine being able to look at a function reference of all the functions described in the GEMDOS manual. You click on "Fsfirst()" and get a description of that function. While you're looking at that, you start to wonder what the rules for legal filenames are, so you click on "Filename" and see a description of what constitutes a legal filename.

- \* Demo programs -- graphics demos, sound demos, etc. For all machines, especially the new Atari Falcon030.

- \* Sample source code -- for new TOS features, from past developer newsletters, and so on.

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Aside from all of the above, there are three additional categories of files that we would like to include. These categories all depend to a large degree on submissions from the Atari Developer community.

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- \* Public-domain & shareware development tools, utilities, & source code.

We would like to include as much public domain and shareware

stuff as we can. We want development tools, utilities, sample source code, and anything else that is programming-related. For example, we would like to include things like the GNU GCC compiler (C & C++) and other GNU tools, and possibly other PD or shareware compilers as well.

We would like to include just about any kind of developer oriented program, but we do have a few basic guidelines about the submissions that we would like to follow:

- 1) The software should be compatible with both SpeedoGDOS and MultiTOS. By 'compatible' I mean it doesn't crash or mess up the display in some fashion. Taking advantage of either SpeedoGDOS or MultiTOS is not required, although it is certainly welcome.

If you have something that you might like to submit, and you aren't sure how it behaves with SpeedoGDOS or MultiTOS, please just go ahead and submit it. We will be testing submissions as much as possible before including them. Include information for any compatibility problems you already know about.

If you know for a fact that your submission doesn't work with SpeedoGDOS and/or MultiTOS, but feel that other developers will still find it quite useful, then let us know about it and perhaps we'll make an exception here and

there (pun absolutely intended! ;^).

In most cases, incompatibility problems with SpeedoGDOS and MultiTOS are easy to fix, because they are usually caused by one of a small handful of programming errors. If you make your submission, it may be the case that we can point out what's wrong and you will be able to fix it without too much trouble.

One problem that some programs have regarding MultiTOS is that they don't do their console & screen I/O in a consistent manner. They mix up BIOS, GEMDOS and GEM calls all together. For example, they might use Bconin() to get keyboard input and then they'll use v\_gtext() to output information to the screen. Or they'll use evnt\_keybd() or evnt\_multi() to get their input, and then use Bconout() or Cconws() or some other such BIOS or GEMDOS call to do their screen I/O.

This doesn't work too well with MultiTOS where programs generally don't own the whole system and have to share the keyboard and display screen with other programs.

If you're going to do be a GEM program, then you should do all of your screen & console I/O through GEM. If you're not a GEM program, then you should do all of your console & screen I/O through the BIOS and GEMDOS. Pick one or the other and stick with it.

- 2) The submission should have at least minimal documentation, preferably in English. If complete documentation is only available in another language, then we'll have to judge how difficult the program is to figure out and use without documentation.

#### Submission Guidelines

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- \* If something is clearly marked as being public domain, you do not have to be the author to submit it.
- \* On files marked "Public Domain", if there is a notice about distribution restrictions of some kind, then the author may have misunderstood what "public domain" means and we'll try to contact them to straighten things out and make sure they don't have a problem with us including their stuff on the CDROM.

(Legally speaking, once something has been released into the public domain, the author has given up the rights to put any restrictions on it of any kind. Free Software and Public Domain Software aren't the same thing.)

- \* If something is marked as being shareware, you do not have to be the author to submit it, but you must include all of the appropriate files including the information on how to contact the copyright holder so that we can contact them to obtain permission if necessary.

- \* If something has a copyright notice, but is marked as being freely distributable, you do not have to be the author to submit it, but you must include all of the appropriate files.
- \* If something has a copyright notice, and is not marked as being shareware or as being freely distributable, before submitting it, please send email with whatever information is available for the program, but not the program itself.

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\* Demo versions of commercially available software

We would like to include disabled demo versions of commercially available software. For example, if we weren't including a fully working version of Atari Works, we might instead include a demo version that would let you load and edit files, but not let you save or print (or would print with a special "DEMO VERSION" box on top of the regular text).

We would like to concentrate on developer-oriented & power-user software such as programming languages and utilities, program shells, disk utilities, and so forth. However, if space permits, we may be able to include a few more end-user oriented demos. If you would like to make such a submission, let us know and we'll try to get it on the disc if possible. A CDROM holds about 600mb and while that may sound like a lot (and is!) it can still get filled up very quickly.

It is strongly recommended that demo versions have their disabled sections completely removed, not simply disabled. If your demo version isn't supposed to be able to print, then take the printing code out completely rather than simply jumping past it. If you don't take such steps, then somebody may figure out how to re-enable the disabled sections of the program.

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\* Locked (password encrypted) versions of shareware and commercially available software

To go along with the demo versions mentioned above, it would be great if we could include actual working versions of some of these products. Let's use Hisoft's Lattice C as an example:

Suppose that there was a demo version on the disc that would let you create source code files up to 5K long and compile them. But you couldn't save the files, and you could only have 1 object module, and the resulting program would say "COMPILED WITH DEMO VERSION OF LATTICE C" several times whenever you ran it, and only work right if the Lattice C integrated environment had passed it a special code on the commandline when it ran.

Such a demo version would give the user a reasonable chance to see the program and decide if they like it or not, but without making the demo version useful in its own right.

So now a user sees the demo version and says "Wow, this looks pretty cool, and I'd like to buy the real thing." So they call up the publisher, which would be Oregon Research here in North America, or HISOFT in the U.K. and Europe, and they say "I have the Atari Developer CDRom and I want to purchase Lattice C".

At this point, the publisher would take down the user's credit card number, and say "What's the serial number for your CDRom?" and the user would tell them, and then they would be given a special password that can be used to install a fully working version of the program onto their hard disk from the CDRom. Some documentation would be included online, and the user would get a regular set of manuals in the mail a few days later.

This is good for the user: he gets to try out the software before he buys it.

This is good for the publisher: you save some money because you don't have to pay for fancy packaging, floppy disks, or even for manuals if you can manage to get it all in online form. You can sell the password at a discount compared with the regular price, and still make more per package than you normally do (since there is no distributor or dealer discount involved).

This is good for the user: he gets to save a little money and gets to install the software from CDRom instead of having to do it from floppy disks.

This is good for the publisher: You've got direct advertising of the most effective kind aimed at the users who are going to be most interested in this kind of product.

How does it work? Will it be secure?

Each CDRom will come with a floppy disk that is serialized. Included on this disk will be an installation program shell that will be used to install the locked software after a user has purchased the password. This will be something that Atari will put together that works as follows:

The user will run the shell, and their serial number will be displayed on screen. They'll give this number to the publisher, and the publisher will use a special program or spreadsheet or otherwise figure out what the password needs to be, and give the user this password.

Now the user can tell the installation shell what they want to install. They'll point at the desired item and then the shell will execute an installation program that the publisher will create. The CDRom serial number will be given to this installation program. Then the publisher's install program will get the password from the user and combine it with the CDRom serial number to generate a decryption code. Then the install program will use this code to decode and install the program.

There's more detail here than I'm giving, but I'd rather

discuss it only with those developers who are making a submission. I think the basic idea that's important to get across is that it will be at least as secure as your basic floppy disk release. Plus, the resulting installed programs can be marked in such a way that you'd be able to figure out the serial number from the CDROM they were installed from.

Time permitting, there will probably be an Atari supplied installation program that is capable of working in this fashion, and it will be made available to those developers who are interested.

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For the most part, we would like to avoid the use of file-compression utilities such as ARC, LHARC, ZOO, or ZIP. We would prefer to have files on the CDROM in an uncompressed format that is ready to use. (The encrypted fully working versions of commercial software would be an exception here.)

However, if we have so many submissions that we run out of room, some material may be placed onto the disc in an archived format. We plan to include the various file compression utilities on the disc, however, so the user will be able to decompress anything on the disc without needing to get anything like a decompression program from some other source.

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Please keep in mind that this is a developer-oriented CDROM, not aimed at the average end-user. There will probably be some sharp edges to watch out for, although we'll try to make everything as easy to figure out and use as possible.

If you want to submit an encrypted version of your software, please contact me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that we can get things worked out as early as possible.

In order to be included on the initial release of the disc, submissions must be received before the deadlines given below. Submissions made after the deadlines will be included if possible, but will most likely be held over for the next update of the disc.

The deadline for all submissions except encrypted versions of commercial programs is August 7. The deadline for encrypted versions of working programs is August 21. The CDROM will be going to production approximately the first week of September.

If there is some special reason you cannot make either deadline, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can make special arrangements if possible.

Your Submissions Are Welcome!

Send submissions, questions, comments, etc. to Mike Fulton at:

Mailing Address:

EMAIL:

Atari Corp.  
Attn: Mike Fulton  
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> GENEVA ANNOUNCED! STR InfoFile GRIBNIF ON THE MARCH!
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Gribnif Software  
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June 30, 1993

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# Multitasking Application Environment

After almost two years of development, Gribnif Software is proud to announce their newest software offering for the Atari ST, STE, TT/030, Falcon, and compatibles.

"Geneva" is a Multitasking Application Environment (Multitasking AES) that allows any Atari to:

- o Multitask unlimited GEM applications+
  - o Load and unload unlimited desk accessories+
  - o Put applications and accessories to "sleep", keeping them from using valuable CPU time, temporarily closing all their windows.
  - o Run MultiTOS applications (it supports the new AES 4.0 calls)
- + subject to available memory

Geneva also adds the following features to the Atari:

- o Task Manager
  - for total control of all applications and accessories
- o Tear-off menus
  - drag any drop-down menu into its own window
- o 3-D buttons and 3-D window gadgets
  - easily customizable
- o Keyboard control of drop-down menus
  - similar to Windows, "walk the menus" of any application
- o Ability to run singletasking applications
  - for applications that are not multitasking compatible
- o Enhanced compatibility when compared to Atari's MultiTOS
  - special flags let you run even the most troublesome programs
- o Keyboard control of window gadgets & dialog buttons



- keyboard equivalents for dialog & alert buttons, plus the ability to assign keyboard equivalents to window gadgets
- o Ability to change mouse shapes, including mouse animation support
- o MiNT compatibility for MiNT applications
  - multitask TOS programs, run MiNT-specific applications, requires either freeware or commercial version of MiNT
- o Enhanced file selector
  - with powerful pattern matching, file searching, renaming, deleting, dual column display, and multiple file selection

When compared to Atari's MultiTOS, Geneva offers the following advantages:

- o Smaller memory requirements (less than 125K of RAM when active)
- o Faster application speed, mostly due to Geneva not requiring MiNT loaded to multitask GEM applications.
- o Faster window redraw and window gadget operation, due to Geneva's faster AES code.
- o Higher compatibility with older applications, thanks to Geneva's special application flags and support for singletasking applications.

If you do NOT have MultiTOS, Geneva offers you:

- o A very easy and fast way to multitask unlimited GEM applications, subject to available memory.
- o The ability to load and unload unlimited desk accessories as you need them, subject to available memory.
- o The ability to run AES 4.0 (MultiTOS) applications.
- o An inexpensive way to give your computer a whole new look & feel, including 3-D buttons, tear-off menus, multitasking, keyboard control, and much more.

If you DO have MultiTOS, Geneva offers you:

- o A faster AES which offers several new features, including tear-off menus, keyboard controls, faster windows, and higher compatibility.
- o Higher compatibility, thanks to Geneva's special application flags and support for singletasking applications.
- o The ability to not have to run MiNT, therefore giving you:
  - > A faster way to multitask unlimited GEM applications, subject to available memory.
  - > The ability to save substantial amounts of memory.
  - > Even higher compatibility with non-MiNT compatible applications.

What Geneva does NOT include:

- o Geneva does not include or require a "desktop". The built-in ROM desktop is not compatible (if we could make it so, we would). But, a desktop is not required. You can launch programs and accessories directly from Geneva's Task Manager.

However, for convenience, a desktop replacement is recommended. Geneva will work most MultiTOS compatible replacement desktops and file launching shells.

Also, a patch is included with Geneva that upgrades NeoDesk 3 to version 3.04, allowing it to work correctly with Geneva.

We recommend the soon to be released NeoDesk 4 desktop replacement, which will include many new multitasking oriented features, window menus, true color support, and will take full advantage of Geneva's power and capabilities.

- o Currently, Geneva does not include MiNT, the TOS enhancement written by Atari for use with MultiTOS. However, Geneva is fully compatible with MiNT, allowing you to run MiNT applications and multitask TOS applications. Geneva is compatible both with the freeware version of MiNT and Atari's commercial version.

Some common questions and answers about Geneva:

Q: Will I still be able to use my screen accelerator together with Geneva to speed up my Atari?

A: Of course! Geneva does not replace the VDI, the part of the Atari in charge of drawing. It works great with programs like "Warp 9" and "NVDI 2.0"

Q: Do I have to reset my machine to load Geneva, like with MultiTOS?

A: Nope! You can easily load Geneva right from the built-in desktop (or your favorite shell). No need to reboot the computer.

Q: How compatible is it?

A: Quite. Almost any program can be executed. The real question is if a specific GEM program can actually support multitasking. You will find that many do, but some programs, like the original Flash, will only run in singletasking mode. Other compatibility options in Geneva let you specify if an application can receive AES 4.0 (MultiTOS) messages, should only use a specific amount of memory, or any other special handling it might require.

Q: How does singletasking work?

A: Geneva is aware that certain applications are not multitasking compatible. When you run Flash, for instance, all other GEM applications are temporarily suspended until you either quit Flash or suspend it (letting you switch back to the other multitasking applications while keeping Flash loaded in memory). However, you still have full access to all of Geneva's other capabilities, including the ability to load and unload desk accessories.

Q: How complex is it to set all these settings?

A: It isn't at all. To make things even easier, Geneva keeps a special GENEVA.CNF file which serves as a small database that already tells Geneva how to run most programs. We will continue to update this file (releasing it on-line, etc.) as we try out more and more programs with Geneva. This means that all you may have to do is actually run your programs, the settings are most likely already set!

Q: What about TOS (text based) programs?

A: Currently, TOS programs run as singletasking applications. In Geneva they run inside their own GEM window, allowing you to easily change their font size and control their output. However, if you run the freeware or commercial version of MiNT, you can multitask TOS programs.

Q: Can I still use file selector replacements like UIS III or Little

Green Selector?

A: Yes, they will work, though you might find that they might not support some of the more advanced Geneva features (such as the advanced pattern matching, selecting multiple files at once, etc.)

Q: I'm a developer, how can I take advantage of Geneva's new features and capabilities?

A: Every copy of Geneva includes a complete developer's kit. This includes full information, libraries, and sample code on how you can easily take advantage of Geneva's power and capabilities. There are no royalties or licenses involved in making your application "Geneva Aware".

#### Release Dates & Prices:

"Geneva" is slated for release in North America around September 1st, 1993. Foreign versions, including a German version, will be available shortly thereafter.

"Geneva" will be available commercially from your local dealer for \$99.95 and will include the new "NeoDesk 4" desktop replacement.

"Geneva" will also be available by itself (without NeoDesk 4) for \$69.95. NeoDesk 4 will be available separately for \$69.95.

Gribnif Software  
News Release  
June 30, 1993

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Multitasking Application Environment  
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"Geneva" is slated for commercial release around September 1, 1993.

For a limited time only, registered North American (USA & Canada) owners of "NeoDesk 3" can acquire the "Geneva BETA" release planned for July 15, 1993.

With the "Geneva BETA" release, you get:

- o The July 15, 1993 release of "Geneva BETA".
- o On-disk, ready-to-print, documentation.
- o Special patch to upgrade NeoDesk 3 to version 3.04, making it compatible with Geneva.
- o FREE upgrade to the final September 1st release of "Geneva", including the finished, printed manual.

Instead of the regular price of \$69.95 for Geneva, those who purchase the "Geneva BETA" version will only have to pay \$50, a savings of \$19.95 from the final release.

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For more information, or to become a member of the "Geneva BETA" team,  
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#: 41104 S11/LEXICOR Software
    09-Jul-93 00:10:49
Sb: A letter from Lexicor
Fm: LEXICOR Software 75300,763
To: all
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An open letter to Lexicor customers and the IAAD concerning Lexicor Software and the IAAD.

Dear Customers and IAAD members,

Lexicor Software would like to acknowledge that Lexicor Software has been officially expelled from the IAAD. We have not been informed of the exact details explaining this action.

Lexicor was first notified of the charge of violation and our suspension from the IAAD 2 weeks ago, explaining that we were accused of giving out Lexicor log-in numbers and passwords to people not in the IAAD. At that time, we were suspended from the IAAD pending IAAD board review. We responded that we had given out full log-in captures to GENie Sys-Op and GENie information services at GENie information services request, however, log-in passwords were changed so that at no time were valid passwords available to anyone outside of Lexicor. At that time, we also asked for specific details as to the accusations: To whom were we accused of giving account numbers and passwords to, when did the event take place, and who brought the charges against Lexicor Software? We were contacted a second time, thanking us for our statement and our patience.

We were recently contacted a third and final time, informing us that the IAAD board had found the charges 'founded' and that Lee Seiler and John Cole of Lexicor Software, as well as John Stanford, an independent contractor for Lexicor Software, had been expelled from the IAAD. No other information was given.

We have never been informed as to the exact nature of the charges against us. We have not been told to whom we allegedly gave valid account information and passwords to. We have not been told when this alleged violation occurred, nor from whom the charges stem. We also have not been told if Lexicor Software's former peer's in the IAAD were told of the charges.

We find endless surprise that any organization, much less an organization made up of 'professionals', would conduct this kind of secret trial, denying the accused the chance to face their accusers. As far as we can determine, we were summarily charged, suspended, then executed and removed from the IAAD, excluding from this process the most important people, the defendant, Lexicor Software.

We have not been informed of any limitations to our 'expulsion' from the IAAD, whether there is a time limit or if it is permanent. We are currently without any real information on these issues, and we find ourselves in a surprising position of knowing less than some in the press do, about an event which apparently centers on Lexicor Software.

We wish to reassure our customers that we will continue to provide the same level of support to our users. Lexicor's high standards will continue to be maintained, as they always have been, in an open and honest manner.

Thank you for your continued support, From the management and staff of Lexicor Software.

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09-Jul-93 13:11:03  
Sb: #41104-A letter from Lexicor  
Fm: SYSOP\*Ron Luks 76703,254  
To: LEXICOR Software 75300,763 (X)

Lee:

That's really a terrible situation. The most disturbing part was the secrecy aspect of your expulsion. I understand the IAAD likes to keep matters very confidential within its membership but this sounds like taking that practice WAY too far.

Hopefully after seeing your message here, a representative of the IAAD will explain to you (and the rest of us) what their reasons behind this action might be. Sounds like the IAAD needs to have a version of the governmental 'sunshine laws' implemented. Doing too much behind closed doors tends to leave a bad taste in many people's mouths.

What I don't understand is how the IAAD would know that someone else was allegedly logging on with your account. Does GENie regularly monitor all IAAD accounts for this type of activity or was just your account singled out for this scrutiny?

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FOR WHOM THE BELLS MAY TOLL!  
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Once the story of Lexicor's expulsion from the IAAD (Independent Association of Atari developers) began to circulate behind the scenes, the decision was made to contact Lee Seiler of Lexicor Software to obtain an interview relative to this matter.

STReport:

I would like an interview for publication in STReport, are you willing to answer some questions?

Lexicor's Seiler:  
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## What Kind of questions?

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Questions about a rumor that Lexicor has been expelled from the Independent association of Atari developers.

Lexicor's Seiler:  
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I will answer your questions.

STReport:

Is the rumor of Lexicor's expulsion true?



Lexicor's Seiler:

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Yes.. Lexicor including myself and Mr. J.Cole and Mr. J. Stanford have been permanently expelled from the IAAD.

STReport:

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When did this happen?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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I don't know, Mr. Cole called me and informed me that our temporary expulsion was now permanent.

STReport:

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Can you expand on the situation a bit?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Yes I will, recently there was a problem in the IAAD over a private business letter written By Mr. Cole to Atari objecting to statements made to another IAAD member by some one at Atari who was very critical of IAAD developers. Mr. Cole took the comments personally. At that time I was under the impression that Lexicor was being accused of violating the confidentiality of the IAAD category in the STRT on GENie. I was also accused of orally violating the same rule. At the time the matter was in the IAAD open area and various members commented, the censuses was that Mr. Cole may have over stepped the rules but that expulsion was overly harsh punishment. I refused to comment in public on the issues at the time, I was however, viciously attacked in the Private IAAD area at the time by the very person who had called me and mentioned information which I was supposed to have passed to ATARI in violation of the confidentiality rules of the IAAD. In the end so far as I know I was not punished after being accused of breaking the rules, which I never did in the first place.

STReport:

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How is that situation related to your current expulsion?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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I think it was a failed attempt to get rid of Lexicor.

STReport:

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How did that lead to your current expulsion?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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I don't know, the whole process is a secret.

STReport:

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You mean you won't or cannot tell me what actually happened?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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No, I mean the whole process was and is a secret from me and the others.

STReport:

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Just a moment, are you saying that you were expelled in secret? If that's so.. then how were you expected to defend yourself and how would anyone know about it having occurred?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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No I don't mean it that way, the whole process was conducted in secret, all Lexicor and Mr. Stanford were ever told was that I was accused of having given access, to some un-named person, into the IAAD through my Corporate Genie account.

STReport:

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So you are telling me what?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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I am stating that Lexicor was accused, tried, convicted and executed in secret. All three accounts were blocked at or before the time the charges were mentioned. None of us was ever given any precise charge information, we were never given or informed as to who made the accusations, we never saw any evidence on which the accusations were supposedly based. We were never given an opportunity to defend against the charges, in fact we don't even know if the general membership of the IAAD was included in any of the process. We were never given access to our accusers, peers or any pertinent information whatsoever.

STReport:

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Did you ask to be heard?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Well I did not, but only because Mr. Cole was/is responsible for all Atari related matters. Since this was an obvious Atari matter I instructed him to take care of the problem. I knew I had not given my access PASSWORD to anyone but Mr. Cole, who is responsible for all Atari business in the US, and thought at the time that he would be taken at face value in dealing with the charges.

STReport:

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Ok, What did he do?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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To the best of my knowledge he requested the names of the accusers,

the date, time and place of the alleged violation(s). The name of the person or persons who the accuser claim received the pass words and account numbers, copies of any supporting documentation and copies of any proofs that any of purported accesses had actually occurred.

STReport:

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What was the result of Mr. Cole's information request?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Mr. Cole received E-mail thanking him for his information and cooperation or patience as I recall.

STReport:

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Did Mr. Cole ever get any information?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Not that I am aware of.

STReport:

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What are your feelings about what has happened?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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I feel that any kind of process like this that occurs in the shadows of secrecy is wrong, On the face of it I believe that the simple fact that this was done in secret tells me that the people involved have something to hide, whether it is their group agenda, or some personal motive is hard to say, not knowing who made the accusations, who collected evidence, who verified the evidence,..etc.. at this point, makes any conclusions only circumstantial. Now I am not saying that the matter should have been public, not at all, what I am saying is that to deny Lexicor a just hearing on what is an obviously very important and serious matter to the IAAD, is fundamentally wrong and unfair. Even the worst of crimes committed in America are still not handled in secret. I can only guess that the need for secrecy means that some one did not want to expose them selves in this matter, otherwise there would have been no need to be secret. It could be that there was no real evidence in the first place, or it could be that the accusers are competitors of Lexicor, or perhaps the source of the "so-called-evidence" came from a source that may currently be in dispute with Lexicor. I don't see an reason why such secrecy would in some way protect Lexicor, either I did what I was accused of doing or I did not. sense no Lexicor records were requested it is very hard to understand just what sort of information was used.

STReport:

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You seem to be saying that there is more to this than a simple question of giving out a password.

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Well I believe it is much much more. First I am unaware of having passed my PASSWORD to any one for private use, next, with out any kind of specific charges as to time and place, there is no way to track down or prove anything one way or the other as to the charges. I can't think of any possible reason I would knowingly risk doing what I am accused of having done, considering the current dispute I have with the Genie Sysop over conflict of interest, and knowing that they are probably watching every keystroke I make, and have access to all account information, my letting any one else use my account would seem very risky. There would be no way that any reasonable person would believe that I would take such a risk, and to serve what purpose? What possible information could you get from the IAAD private bulletin board that would be worth the risk of expulsion and public ridicule? It simply makes no sense from that point of view. On the other hand, I can see many reasons why some members would get a great deal of satisfaction in heaping ridicule on Lexicor for such a heinous crime. Just one look at some Genie topic areas will show that there are those who live for the chance to attack Lexicor on such an honesty issue. Add to this the fact that I don't see how any normal ordinary logon record(s) could show who was at the other end of the line or where the original dialin occurred. But since Lexicor was never given access to the purported evidence, there is no way to understand how the accusers can be so sure I gave my PASSWORD to some third party?

STReport:

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What you are saying sounds like you seem to think there is some sort of conspiracy afoot.

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Here again with out any basic information there is no real way to tell if such a thing is true or not. But you could speculate that given the nature of the accusation, the way the matter was handled, who was involved, does lead to such suppositions. It would be very easy to create proofs. Just ask your self these questions. Who does Lexicor have a current dispute with? Who would have access to and control over access information? Is there any practical way to dispute such alleged proofs, without similar access to information. How does anyone defend against secret prosecution. The lack of any due process speaks volumes about possible motives. Why the need for secrecy? An open proof that was supportable would make a much better tool for getting rid of a rule violator than any secret and overly covert effort.

STReport:

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I don't understand why Mr. J. Stanford or Mr. Cole were also expelled?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Mr. Stanford and Mr. Cole were apparently expelled merely because they had an association with Lexicor.

STReport:

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Is this your opinion or a fact?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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No I had a conversation with Mr. Stanford , and unless I misunderstood him, he made it clear that this was the reasons given him.

STReport:  
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Do you know of any others who have associations with Lexicor who were also expelled?

Lexicor's Seiler:  
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No I don't the whole thing is Secret! I do know or I should say that there are several other IAAD member companies who have ties at least as close as Mr. Stanford, who knows they may be next?

STReport:

Do you think that would violate their rights, constitutional or otherwise?

Lexicor's Seiler:  
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My understanding is that the IAAD believes that because they are a private association, they can make up any kind of rules and enforce them any way they like. They seem to think that they have no obligation to be fair in the enforcement of self imposed rules, the civil rights of members doesn't seem to be at issue that I can see.

STReport:  
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Do you think your civil rights have been violated?

Lexicor's Seiler:  
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I don't know what the legal ramifications are about private associations like the IAAD and their enforcement of "rules". I believe I have read or heard of many private clubs who have been prosecuted by the Court System for civil rights violations of one kind or another. And I think that civil rights, not with standing, if Lexicor is damaged by the expulsion, Lexicor would have a right to civil remedies against both the board and all the members. I think that even private groups or clubs etc....do not have the right to step all over an individual's civil rights, and my guess is that all the members are as guilty as their governing board in matters such as this. Please bear in mind I don't have any direct information as to what went on in the secret deliberations... etc. and so on. I don't know who if anyone in the general membership was involved, so my Opinion is simply that ...OPINION.

STReport:  
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Let's cut to the quick. What would you say is the bottom line in this matter?

Lexicor's Seiler:  
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I think that the IAAD is hurt by this far more than Lexicor.

STReport:

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Why do you say that? Please elaborate.

Lexicor's Seiler:

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This week it was Lexicor who was summarily accused, tried, convicted and executed by the IAAD board. Anyone could be next. Without benefit of hearings, evidence disclosure or chance for peer review there is little chance at fair treatment. Such action could be for any reason, and could come at the whim of the board. Historically at least, there have been some very ugly similar situations which started out in much the same way and lead to horrible consequences. Both civilly and socially. Besides which, there is an obvious risk that any member who is subjected to this process may take legal action for the public damage to name and reputation. And like I said I think the entire membership could possibly be held liable for the damages. I am not a lawyer and I haven't any first hand knowledge, so here again I am voicing my OPINION about the risk of such policies. To me that makes the entire scenario of trial by secret a very bad idea.

STReport:

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Therefore, you feel it's the legal risk that you think hurts the IAAD?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Well there is that risk. But no it's not that so much as the stigma attached to how the IAAD expelled Lexicor, John Cole and John Stanford that is so shamefully harmful. I think the issue is not so much whether Lexicor did or did not share a PASSWORD with an unauthorized person so much as it is how the IAAD handled the alleged problem. Everything they did from start to finish is a fundamental violation of every basic principle on which the USA was founded. That may sound polyanna-like to some, but please consider what it would be like in any part of your own life if you were treated in the same way. Starting with education and applying for jobs or, a home purchase, or even criminal/civil judicial matters. I sure would not want to admit to being part of a lynch mob! Would You? No matter what the lynched might have been accused of, it's simply wrong on every level. I don't see how any of the remaining IAAD members can face anyone and say they approve directly or indirectly of the actions taken by their association. Who would want to do business with any company that approved of such actions? What do you say to a customer who asked why do you let these things happen?

STReport:

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You seem to be saying a lot about how the public might view such actions and the consequential damages, if the whole process is a secret then how would a victim be hurt unless the victim speaks out as you are now doing?

Lexicor's Seiler:

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Correction! I did not come to you, you came to me...you as a representative of the press knew about it at least at the same time as I did and maybe before. The whole reason for the expulsion seems to be for some other reason than protection of the IAAD. I don't know how you came to



vice president, respectively. In October 1986, Stephen Monaco joined the corporation as vice president of marketing and co-owner.

Located in Columbia, Missouri, DATASTORM is a privately held corporation. DATASTORM currently employs over 130 people domestically and 6 people internationally. Due to DATASTORM's swift expansion, the company moved to a new 21,000 square foot building in June 1989, and expanded that facility by another 26,800 square feet in April 1992.

Sales and market projections for the coming few years indicate strong growth potential in many areas of the software industry. A 1992 independent market survey showed that of those respondents polled, over 60% had purchased PROCOMM PLUS or ProComm as their preferred communications software, and over 45% that planned on purchasing communications software intended to buy PROCOMM PLUS.

DATASTORM currently has four communication software packages commercially available through distributors and dealers. Those products are PROCOMM PLUS for Windows, PROCOMM PLUS, the recently updated PROCOMM PLUS Network Version and ProComm.

PROCOMM PLUS for Windows combines the graphics and elegance of Windows with the power and ease of use of PROCOMM PLUS. Its current price is \$179. PROCOMM PLUS is a full-featured package that is easy to use. Its current price is \$129. PROCOMM PLUS Network Version 5-Pack is a starter kit which includes software and licensing for up to five workstations on a single Local Area Network (LAN) file server and currently sells for \$645. Additional network workstation packages are \$129. ProComm is DATASTORM's original shareware communications package. The complete package is available for \$50.

QUE Publishing's book Introduction to PC Communications, by Phil Becker, was released with a complimentary copy of DATASTORM's new PROCOMM Lite. This slimmed-down version of PROCOMM PLUS provides users with a basic communications software package and will be offered to OEM licensees.

In 1991, DATASTORM released PRIVATE COLLECTION, a set of handy utilities which increase productivity by providing solutions needed for faster, easier and much more convenient computer operations. PRIVATE COLLECTION, the productivity utilities package, currently retails for \$29.

In January of 1990, DATASTORM released HOT WIRE, a full-featured, stand-alone file transfer/disk management utility software package. This program was developed to be the single solution for the disk-format double standard. HOT WIRE allows both 5.25" and 3.5" disk formats to co-exist in the same environment with a minimum additional investment in hardware and software. HOT WIRE competes with such programs as FastWire, Brooklyn Bridge and Lap Link, and sells for \$129.

PROCOMM PLUS and PROCOMM PLUS for Windows are also available in European Community, French and German versions from DATASTORM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.'s sister company, DATASTORM TECHNOLOGIES, LTD. These translated versions contain features specific to their respective European markets and are supported out of the DATASTORM LTD's Cambridge, England office.

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PC User  
PCM  
  
PC/Computing  
Government Computer News  
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BYTE Magazine  
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Silver Award - PROCOMM PLUS EC  
Readers Best Award 1992 -  
Best Communications Package  
MVP Award/Communications  
Fifth Annual Award  
World Class Award  
Best Communications Program  
Reader VIP Award  
Best Buy of 1992  
200 Best PC Products  
    #1 Communications Category  
    #9 Overall rating  
Telecommunications Award  
    for Technical Excellence  
Best Communications Software  
Produkt des Jahres - 1992

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PC World  
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1991

PC WORLD  
PC WORLD  
LOTUS MAGAZINE  
  
COMPUTER RESELLER NEWS  
MERISEL DISTRIBUTION  
INFOWORLD  
MERISEL - HOT LIST WINNER

Best Buy Award  
"World Class" Award  
The Best in Communication Software  
Packages  
Benchmarks - Buyer's Choice  
1991 "Hot List" - Best Seller Award  
Product of the Year - Communications  
Best Seller - Communications & Utilities

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PC WORLD  
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"World Class" Award  
Benchmarks - Buyer's Choice  
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Reader's VIP Award  
Readers' Choice Award  
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1990 Reader's Choice Award for "Best to  
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| PC MAGAZINE                   | Best of 1988                         |
| PC MAGAZINE                   | Editor's Choice Award - 5/17/88      |
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| BYTE MAGAZINE                 | 1988 Award of Distinction            |
| PC TECH JOURNAL READER'S POLL | Best Communications Software         |
| INFOWORLD                     | Product of the Year - Communications |
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| COURIER HST DUAL STANDARD (U.S. AND CANADA) | \$ 449 |
| INTERNATIONAL HST*                          | \$ 339 |
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| INTERNATIONAL COURIER HST DUAL STANDARD*    | \$ 439 |
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| INTERNATIONAL POWER SUPPLY (INT'L USERS)*   | \$ 50  |
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the above products, call the U.S. Robotics Technical  
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U.S. ROBOTICS SYSOP SUPPORT PROGRAM

General:

This section describes the rules of the U.S. Robotics SYSOP Program. U.S. Robotics reserves the right to modify or change these rules at any time.

#### Scope:

The U.S. Robotics SYSOP Program permits QUALIFIED SYSOPs to purchase current U.S. Robotics products at a reduced price. The purpose of this program is to continue the close relationship established many years ago between U.S. Robotics and the Sysop community. Participants should recognize that our ability to continue the program is dependent upon the strong position U.S. Robotics enjoys in the reseller channel, with the distributors and dealers, VARs, etc. that continue to buy and resell our products to home and business users around the world. It is our intent to maintain the integrity of our channel relationships by closely scrutinizing each SYSOP sale to ensure that we only sell products to qualified SYSOPs.

#### Qualifications:

1. The SYSOP states that he/she is NOT in the business of reselling computer products and/or related peripherals, including modems. Qualified resellers may take advantage of other programs offered by U.S. Robotics by calling (800) 342-5877 and asking for the dealer sales representative for your area.
2. The SYSOP has been operating the bulletin board system for at least six (6) months and that this activity can be verified by dialing into the bulletin board system. Typically user logs, activity logs, and local message bases are a good source for verifying activity.
3. The SYSOP understands that the number of modems that may be obtained under this program is limited to the number of working, VERIFIABLE data lines. Data lines MUST be dedicated for modem use only and MUST be available 24 hours a day for modem access. Modems purchased under this program MUST be used on one of the stated lines. Furthermore, the SYSOP understands that the number of serial cards that may be obtained is one for each 2 modems ordered under the SYSOP Program. Participants in the Sysop Program beginning 1/1/92 may purchase the Dual Async Card based on these rules as well.
4. The SYSOP agrees to post an appropriate logon notice, visible to users of the bulletin board, which states that said bulletin board uses and supports U.S. Robotics brand products.
5. The SYSOP agrees that he/she intends to operate the bulletin board, for which these products are purchased, for at least six (6) months post purchase. The U.S. Robotics logon must remain in effect for six (6) months to allow verification that the bulletin board is in place and that the U.S. Robotics promotional message is being displayed.
6. The SYSOP agrees that, in order to avoid conflict with the U.S. Robotics reseller channel, modems purchased

7. The SYSOP understands that verification of an order will take from two (2) to five (5) weeks depending on the number of orders being processed by the SYSOP Support Department, and difficulty in verifying your bulletin board. Shipment of product will take from two (2) to six (6) weeks pending availability of the particular product ordered. U.S. Robotics will ship product(s) to QUALIFIED SYSOPs as soon as possible after:

Prepaid orders will not be processed until payment has been received by U.S. Robotics. After placing an order on the board, a SYSOP wishing to prepay his/her order should send a money order or cashier's check to:

It is imperative that the SYSOP name, voice phone number and BBS phone number be indicated for identification purposes. A personal or company check is acceptable, but shipping will be delayed for ten (10) working days to ensure that the check clears our bank. NO CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS WILL BE DEPOSITED BY U.S. ROBOTICS UNTIL THE SYSOP'S BBS HAS BEEN VERIFIED.

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B. The SYSOP understands that once an order is placed, it cannot be changed. If you are uncertain as to the product you want to purchase, you may consult the Information & Text Files file area of this bulletin board for product information. Or, you may call the

U.S. Robotics Technical Support Department at (800) 982-5151  
in the U.S. or (800) 553-3560 in Canada.  
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C. Your board will be verified by a the U.S.  
Robotics SYSOP Administrator. We MUST be able to connect  
with your bulletin board to verify board status. In the  
event that we are uncertain of your board status, you  
will be notified either by U.S. Robotics via your board  
or by mail or voice. We will advise you as best we can as  
to what you need to provide in order to have your board  
verified (appropriate logon, copy of phone bill, soft-  
ware registration, etc.). In no case will we verify a  
board until we are certain that it meets the require-  
ments of the program.

D. U.S. Robotics will not accept phone-in orders.

E. U. S. Robotics reserves the right to modify,  
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F. If you have any questions regarding this program,  
please call (800) 342-5877 for clarification. In Canada,  
call (800) 553-3560. Outside the U.S. and Canada, call  
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\*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\*

#### ADDENDUM

We realize that all Bulletin Boards are not the same and we are not always  
able to ascertain their validity during our normal verification process. In  
order not to exclude those Bulletin Boards from our program, we may request  
additional information such as copies of telephone bills, proof of software  
purchase and/or registration and network and association membership. This  
information will only be requested by U.S. Robotics in rare cases and can  
not be used solely as a means of qualification.

Before placing an order, please take steps to ensure the process goes as  
easily as possible.

1. Create a login for U.S. Robotics
2. Ensure no questionnaires or voting is necessary
3. If your logon requires information other than password be  
sure to include this information on the order.
4. Once this is established logon under the U.S. Robotics ID  
and look for verifiable proof of 6 months activity. If  
you can't find it, odds are we won't be able to either.

\*\* US Robotics CAN NOT download special software to verify \*\*  
\*\* your BBS. We support the basic communication platforms. \*\*

U.S. Robotics is determined to provide a SYSOP Program which is fair and  
equitable to everyone. Any requests made of SYSOPs in order to verify  
Bulletin Boards are made in order to ensure that the program serves the  
entire SYSOP community and protect the USR distribution channel as well.

We will make every effort to process each and every order in a professional  
and courteous manner. Please help us to provide the type of service you

want and deserve by filling-out the order form as completely and accurately as possible and responding to our requests for additional information in a prompt manner.

\*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\*

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> DIZCAT! STR InfoFile  
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HISTORY OF DIZCAT!, SHAREWARE BLURB  
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I was reading a thread on RIME about FILE\_ID.DIZ and I realized that I should include FILE\_ID.DIZ in my software releases. More importantly, I also wanted to have FILE\_ID.DIZ automatically imported into my Wildcat! file database during the virus scanning procedure. I played with WCFILE, Mustang's file database manipulation program, and realized that all I had to do was extract FILE\_ID.DIZ and have WCFILE import it.

I was about to write a program to do this, but I found a shareware program to import FILE\_ID.DIZ. I saw that the other program also was just a front end for WCFILE. However, the other program had a few bugs and lacked some features I wanted, so I went ahead with my original plan and wrote DIZzyCat!. My wife came up with the name with the help of our dizzy cat, Neko. (Yes, she's named after the computer program!)

Unlike other programs I wrote for my BBS, I wrote docs, inported shareware support into the program, and released it as DIZCAT10.ZIP.

Response has been atrociously minimal. Apparently, not many sysops are interested in FILE\_ID.DIZ importing. The advantage for both sysops and authors is that they don't have to worry about users entering a blank description or a description like "Cool game!". The description, if entered, is replaced by DESC.SDI (if different from FILE\_ID.DIZ),

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From      : GEORGE STEINMETZ                      Number   : 221 of 221
To        : RALPH MARIANO                        Date      : 07/02/93
12:13am
Subject   : DIZzyCat! text files                 Reference : NONE
Read      : 07/03/93 4:02pm                     Private   : YES
Conf      : 010 - 881 Sysop ITC

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followed by FILE\_ID.DIZ. The advantage for users is that they don't have to think of what to enter as a description. They can just press Enter when prompted for a description if they know the upload has FILE\_ID.DIZ or DESC.SDI in it.

Any questions about DIZzyCat! can be directed to George Steinmetz on The Other BBS at 908-449-6289, Fido address 1:107/468, or call voice

at 908- 449-3836.

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